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■ **ROADS**

Snow ends cleanup begins

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

On Friday morning those Haliburtonians who could move on the snow-packed roads were congregating at a familiar place.

At the Shell station on Highland Street five vehicles were stopped at the pumps and all five were not only filling their own vehicles, but also unloading an eye-popping array of gas cans. Steve Churko (Churko Electric owner) and Kevin Dunlop (The Marquetry Man woodworking studio) were both bent over and filling plastic gas containers preparing for a marathon session of snow blowing.

"This is beautiful isn't it?" laughed Dunlop. Dunlop, you should know, is an avid downhill skier and, like the many snowmobile enthusiasts in the area, he had some reason to revel in the mind-boggling (64 centimetre) dump that hit Haliburton last week. Churko was also smiling, ruefully, and admitted that he was expecting a long day at the handles of his own snow blower.

At Home Hardware on Saturday morning, the line was filled with an assortment of people bearing shovels.

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TERRANCE GAVAN/Echo

Powder days welcomed skiers who managed to fight through the snow and make their way to Sir Sam's Ski Area last weekend. Pictured above, Wendy Laidla and her daughter Maia enjoyed some powder cruises down Cash Register before taking a break for lunch last Saturday. Sir Sam's opened on time thanks to a bump from the forecaster.

■ **HOCKEY**

Hodgson skips World Juniors

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

The debate goes on.

It involves a hockey player and a large transport vehicle.

To wit: have Vancouver Canucks throw their number 1 draft pick from 2008, Haliburton cottager Cody Hodgson, under the proverbial bus?

Just putting it out there, because, well, it's out there, in the ether and on record. Hockey's a business. The players are, when all is said and done, merely unionized workers.

What's worrisome for both Hodgson and the Canuck brass, is this expanding West Coast palaver over the care and handling of Hodgson.

It's a vibrant topic on many West Coast fan sites and it appeared in a recent *Vancouver Sun* article.

More prevalent now, in fact, because Hodgson announced last week that he will not be joining some of his former Team Canada teammates on the 2010 national junior team.

Hodgson led the 2009 junior tournament in scoring, and was one of 36 players chosen to attend the national team's selection in Regina this week. According to most insiders Hodgson was

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IN BRIEF

Cody Hodgson named torchbearer in Markham

here, there & everywhere
news and events worth noting

Haliburton cottager and Vancouver Canucks 2008 draft pick Cody Hodgson was selected by Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti to be the town's official torchbearer.

Dogsled team gets CBC exposure

Hank DeBruin and his dogsled team got a national

nod when the CBC interviewed him Monday morning about his upcoming Iditarod race. Missed the program? Go to www.cbc.ca/ontariomorning to hear it.

Teljeur profiles Duchene

Two Haliburtonians have found their way into the pages of Canadian Living magazine. Echo columnist, Charlie Teljeur, wrote a feature piece on NHL rookie Matt Duchene in the magazine's January edition. You can read Teljeur's article, "Rising star, hometown boy," on page 96 of the issue on newsstands now.

Saxby launch Friday

Essonville musician and composer, Albert John Saxby will launch his latest CD, *Bellbottoms Over Liverpool* at the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre Friday Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10, in advance or at the door.

Buy a piece of art exhibit

Not to be deterred by last week's cancellation of their Off The Wall event the Rails End will continue to sell Off The Wall, while supplies last at the ridiculously low price of 10 cents a square inch. There's plenty to go around, just think of the things you can do with original art! Frame it, cut it up, make a book cover, make post cards or just grab a piece of the first Off The Wall artistic collaboration. Off The Wall is up until Jan. 16, but getting smaller by the inch. The Silent Auction planned for Dec. 11 has been extended til Saturday December 19 at 4 pm. You can see the list of items including great seats for Leafs and Raptor games, golf, spa, dogsledging and college courses at www.railsendgallery.com and place bids by phone (457-2330) or in person.

More new management for Pinestone

A new general manager has been installed at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. Former manager Cynthia Romanyk was suddenly replaced and other staff let go from the resort on County Road 21. Stefan Bjelis has already replaced Romanyk, while chef Ryan Tomlinson has been acting as the resorts head chef. According to staff at the resort, no other changes have been announced at this time.

See inside The Highlands Weekender

December 17, 2009

Cottage Dreams gives away a cottage stay on March 1

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SNOW STORM

Haliburton hit hard, but better off than Minden

from page 1

A pair of customers was dragging four shovels out the door, and one of the men was hinting about, you guessed it, a possible snow-blower purchase.

All area schools were out from Wednesday to Friday last week, but the Hal High hockey team managed to sneak out of town for a large high school tournament in Whitby at about 5:30 a.m. Thursday morning.

They were already out of town before the worst of the Thursday squall hit Haliburton and Minden.

They returned (after going 3-1 in the tourney) on Friday evening, reporting that roads were almost clear until they got close to the Highlands, which is when their trip progress slowed considerably.

They all made it home safe, thanks in no small part to the tremendous work of the Dysart et al roads crews who put in some yeoman service over an intense five-day period.

Dysart et al roads supervisor Brian Nicholson, contacted by the *Echo* late on Sunday evening, said that it was a challenge, but his crews worked hard at keeping the roads safe and clear.

He said that after a snow-free November, this two-foot dump took a toll on all of Dysart et al's immediate snow removal resources.

"Very challenging week, and weekend," said Nicholson. "You look at the snow that we've got in a very short period of time – it took us a month to get that much snow last year – and we got it all in less than a week."

How much snow?

"As an example I was showing two cm on my snow stick last Sunday [Dec. 6]," said Nicholson. "And it peaked out on Saturday at 66 cm and that's 64 cm in six days."

Nicholson said that Haliburton was hit very hard, but never as hard as their sister municipality Minden Hills. "Certainly Minden took the brunt of it," said Nicholson. "I went for a drive down there and they got it far worse than we did. Minden did call us on Friday asking for assistance and we couldn't lend them assistance because we had our own issues."

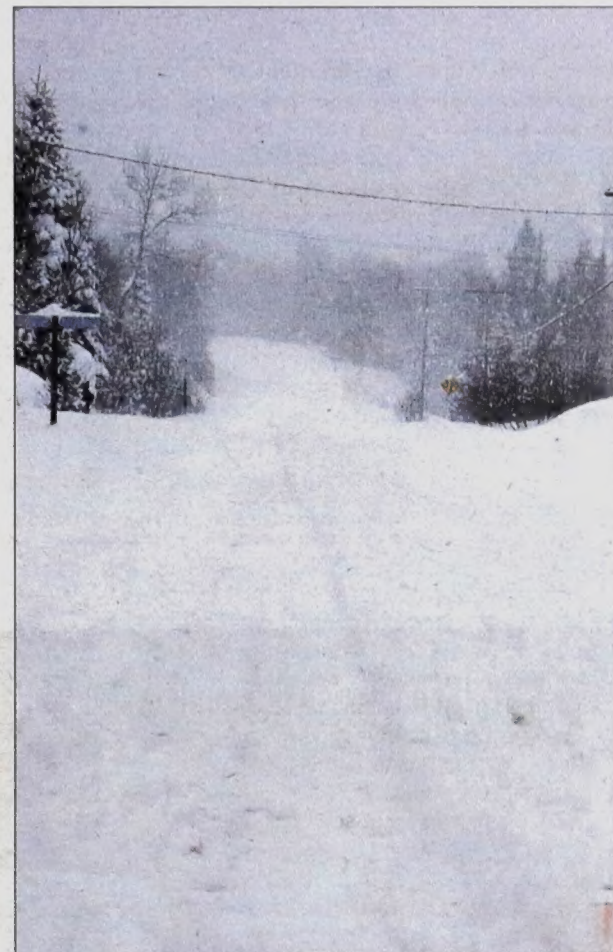
Nicholson said that during a snow emergency like this people have to be patient, and he said that on Friday especially most area residents seemed to heed the good advice of the OPP and stayed off the roads. That, he said, made their job all that much easier, because dodging snowbound cars is the last thing roads crews want to be doing as they attempt to keep roadways clear for emergency vehicles.

"The ratepayers have been very patient and very good," said Nicholson. "We've had very few calls making inquiries about the road. You know in all honesty, for those people who didn't travel on Friday, I take my hat off to them."

"It made our job easier trying to get around. And if people would continue to cooperate and not park on



The streets of Haliburton were coated in snow Friday as one brave soul traverses the slippery sidewalks. Most events and meetings were cancelled last week and children enjoyed three snow days in a row. Photo by Terrance Gavan.



Many of the county roads were so bad very few attempted to drive them Friday. County Road 3, Glamorgan Road, was little more than ruts in the snow Friday afternoon, with more snow coming. Photo by Jenn Watt.

the roadways that would be appreciated."

He said that during the weekend the Dysart et al crews were focusing on plowing. Snow removal will be addressed in phase two on Monday through Wednesday. He asked the public to be tolerant, especially regarding snow removal on the main streets.

"We're going to continue to ask for their patience because you know it'll be the better part of the week spent removing snow," said Nicholson.

"It will be a while because we have to go out plowing again tomorrow [Monday], and when we're out plowing we're not removing snow. We still have sections of sidewalks where the sidewalk plow has gone along and all you can see is the wheel tracks, and there's nowhere for him to put the snow."

He said that they would attempt to have snow off Highland and York Streets and sidewalks dealt with by Tuesday and Wednesday if we don't get more snow.

He added that one of the roads crew's biggest priori-

ties was making Haliburton's downtown core passable as soon as possible. "One of our priorities was this weekend," said Nicholson. "This should have been a big weekend for our retailers, and we tried to make it so that we can get the public into the buildings on the main streets, and it was certainly a priority for us to get that snow plowed to give a hand to the local retailers."

Certainly downtown Haliburton resembled a ghost town on Friday (numerous businesses closed their doors on Highland Street) but on Saturday – with roads crews still working from 2 a.m. on Saturday morning – the downtown core was filled with Christmas shoppers.

Nicholson said that as of Sunday night, things were pretty much under control.

But he added that road crews will be busy on phase two – snow removal – until the end of next week.

PARC

Cardiff and Wilberforce schools will not close

CHAD INGRAM

Staff reporter

The elementary schools in Cardiff and Wilberforce will both remain open.

Trustees for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board voted unanimously at a Dec. 8 meeting to keep both Cardiff Elementary School and Wilberforce Elementary School in operation with some reorganizing of the student bodies.

Students in junior kindergarten through Grade 3 will attend classes at Cardiff Elementary School and students in Grades 4 through 8 will attend school in Wilberforce beginning next school year.

This recommendation came from a program and accommodation review committee (PARC) initiated by the board in September of 2008.

The purpose of the committee was to review both facilities and make recommendations on the feasibility of keeping both open since there is a shrinking student pop-

ulation in that area of the county.

According to the report from the committee, the rationale for placing older elementary students at the Wilberforce school is that it better provides opportunities for physical education and community involvement.

"I know that this discussion can be very emotional at times," said the board's interim director of education, Warren Rosborough, referring to great amount of feedback and concern from parents in both communities, wishing to see their children's schools remain open.

Rosborough said it was imperative for parents in the area to keep sending their children to local schools if the plan is to work.

"This resolution will only work if the families of Cardiff and Wilberforce continue to send their children to their schools until they finish Grade 8," he said.

Trustees also voted that Wilberforce students currently attending Grade 7 at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton be able to finish out their elementary school careers there.

HEALTH

New family health team on the way in Lindsay

The City of Kawartha Lakes will open a new family health team to provide the community with better access to family health care.

New family health teams will be set up in areas of the province with high numbers of patients without family doctors. Family health teams provide better access to care closer to home with physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, social workers and dietitians. The teams also help reduce emergency department use by

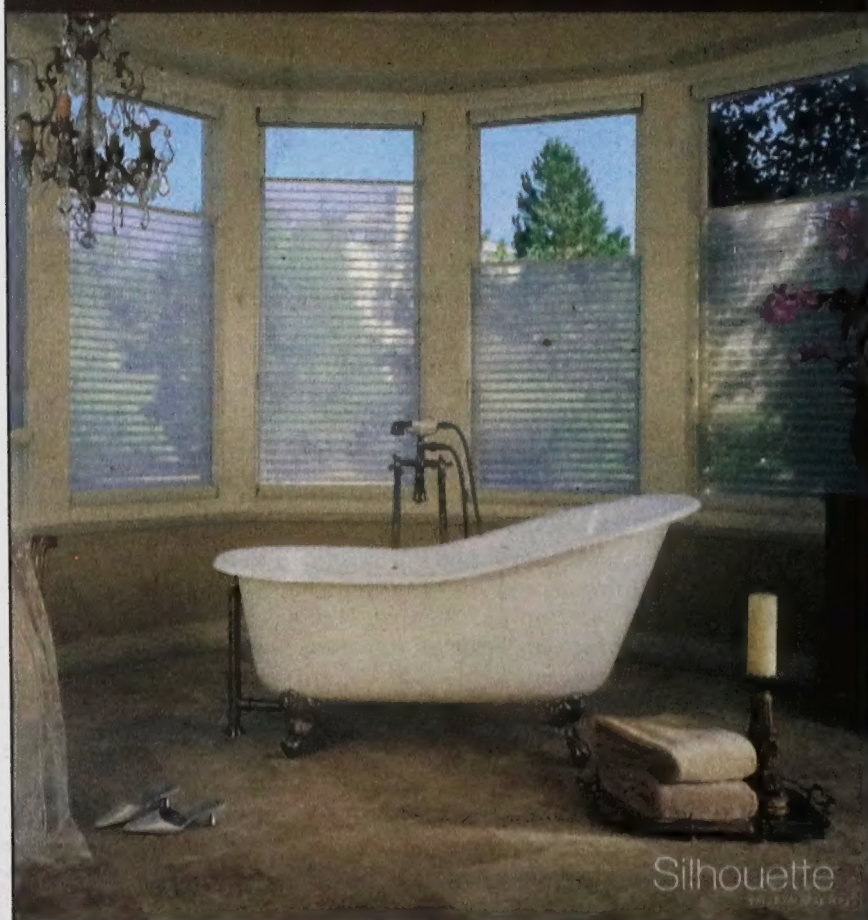
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The 19 new family health teams are expected to be up and running by 2011/12. Ontario's existing 150 teams have already enrolled more than 318,000 patients who did not have access to a family physician, and are providing care to more than two million people.

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■ DYSART ET AL COUNCIL BRIEFS

Council sets landfill pricing for boat wrapping

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Dysart et al council's Dec. 7 meeting.

Those ubiquitous blue tarps used as winter covering for thousands of boats in Haliburton County will now be accepted for a fee at the Dysart landfill site.

Last Monday Dysart et al council passed a bylaw allowing the shrink-wrap to be processed by the local landfill.

According to the new bylaw, boat owners and marinas can now take their used shrink-wrap to the Dysart landfill between May 1 and June 30, 2010 for a designated tipping fee.

Marinas that deal with the blue wrapping in bulk will be able to dispose of their covers for a fee of \$10 per cubic yard, and individual owners may dump individual blue boat wrapping for \$2 apiece.

Haliburton library room rentals set

The public meeting room at the new Haliburton Library will be available for a fee thanks to a decision undertaken by Dysart et al council last Monday afternoon.

Council wanted to ensure that the room is available to a broad range of groups in the municipality and at last Monday's council meeting they set a minimum rate of \$40 for the first three hour rental. After that groups can extend their room rate at the cost of \$10 per hour.

Rules versus practicality in gazebo case

The ongoing issue regarding illegal buildings on shore road allowances in Dysart et al was raised by a delegation last Monday afternoon.

Dysart et al planners asked for the removal of a shed and a gazebo placed illegally on the shore road allowance of the Donalda Douglas property on Black Lake. Donalda appeared with her husband Dale asking for the right to purchase the shore road allowance in order to preserve the gazebo, which Donalda, who is suffering from Parkinson's disease, uses as a spring, summer, and fall outdoor retreat.

The gazebo is located on the deck of the cottage, and provides cover from the biting black flies and mosquitoes, which, given Donalda's Parkinson's, could further compromise her health problems.

Dale said that the gazebo is intrinsic to his wife's continued enjoyment of their cottage property.

He told council that he had obtained tacit approval and support from their closest neighbours. Fearrey said that he sympathized with the couple's plight, but explained that Dysart et al could not allow the purchase of the shore road allowance, adding that the gazebo would also have to be dealt with.

The municipal board has already adjudicated the issue, maintaining that the gazebo must be moved off the road allowance. Fearrey said that allowing the gazebo to remain would create a precedent and that wasn't an option for council.

Fearrey said that he would be willing to go out to the property with Councilor Derek Knowles and the Douglasses' planner Greg Bishop – who appeared with the couple – to investigate whether the gazebo could be moved back far enough from the shore road to bring it up to code.

Boathouse reno gets go-ahead

Planner Paul Wilson appeared representing a Mr. VanGeel regarding the possible purchase of the VanGeel shore road allowance on Drag Lake.

The purchase is necessary in order for VanGeel to clear up an existing encroachment issue regarding a one-storey boathouse first assessed in 1974.

In order to facilitate that renovation, he said that his client needed title to the property. The municipality will not issue a building permit to a person who does not hold title to the land. VanGeel cannot get a building permit to make renovations unless he receives title to the shore road allowance.

Fearrey said that the municipality has restricted the building of boathouses, but that in this case the property owner was attempting to rejuvenate an existing property. He explained that the building is currently a bit of an eyesore and would remain as such until VanGeel obtained a building permit, which could only happen if he owned the land that the boathouse was on. Wilson, who had pictures of the boathouse – which is not located on the water but adjacent to the shoreline – said that his client was interested in rejuvenation and not in circumventing existing codes regarding boathouses.

In this case council concurred that allowing the shore road purchase and the retrofit of the existing structure would not increase the footprint and would increase the overall aesthetics of the lot.

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Schools stay open

THE SCHOOL BOARD has done its part and now it's time for the communities of Wilberforce and Cardiff to do theirs.

For the past year, the program and accommodation review committee (PARC) has deliberated on what to do about declining enrolment at both elementary schools. The communities came out in full force to not only defend their schools from closure, but to defend the communities themselves.

It was repeatedly said that to remove either school would be to take the life out of the corresponding hamlet.

This likely weighed heavily on the minds of the PARC as the members put together their recommendations on the future of the schools.

The decision they came to was truly the best option; both schools will remain open, Cardiff hous-

ing kindergarten to Grade 3 students and Wilberforce taking kids up to Grade 8.

But although it is the best option, it is not without potential pitfalls.

Now that the schools are designated for certain grades it means that students in both Wilberforce and Cardiff will ride the bus for four years of their elementary education. Wilberforce parents worry this ride may be too long for their youngsters and for those who work in Haliburton, the prospect of being a 50 minute drive from their young children if something goes wrong is hard to take.

Cardiff parents who work in Bancroft will have the same situation play out when their kids go to Wilberforce in Grade 4.

Yet this is the only way to maintain high enough populations to ensure students don't end up in triple or quadruple split grades.

There have been a few sniffs at this plan from families in both towns – and some say they'll put their kids in Haliburton schools instead of sending them away.

It's an understandable personal reaction, but one that could have an effect on the future of both towns. If you take your kid out of a 50-student school, and so does your neighbour, and her neighbour, soon you've got a school underutilized and scheduled to be closed.

IN the case of Cardiff and Wilberforce, the school sharing agreement is based on both hamlets' cooperation. If one stops participating, both schools suffer.

The school board has made the right decision, it is now up to the parents to do the same.



Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

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jenn watt

Snow business

THE OTHER DAY, it occurred to me that there are two ways to look at our recent and heavy influx of snow. One way is to view the driveway as half full. The other way is to consider it half empty. Either way it sucks.

Neither matters, however, if you decide to go snowshoeing. That's because I'm pretty sure that snowshoes were invented for storms like this. In fact, when roads are bad, I can't think of any other mode of transportation that can get you away from a shovel half as quick.

In fact, ever since the first serious amounts of snow began to accumulate, all I've wanted was my snowshoes and a five-minute lead. In times like these, that's as much as any outdoorsman can hope for. Jet packs are unrealistic.

But before I got to the snowshoes, I tripped over a shovel. Then, I made the fatal mistake of picking it up, so that I could bury it out of sight.

Sadly, my wife saw this and misunderstood my intentions.

She misunderstood so much that soon I was clearing a driveway, two parking spots, five roofs, trails to the woodpile and chicken house, and a mailbox. For three days in a row.

When all was said and done, though, a miraculous thing happened. The driveway was cleared, the roofs were devoid of snow, trails were broken

to the outbuildings and a path was opened for our mail carrier. My wife now refers to it as our Christmas miracle.

She was so impressed, in fact, that she uttered strange words I don't ever recall hearing before. "You worked too hard," she whispered. "Maybe

you should get your snowshoes and take a couple of hours to enjoy all of this."

I felt five-and-a-half-feet tall.

I mean, here I was just doing what any hero would do in a time of severe crisis. Sure, I put myself out for my family. Yes, I drove back the forces of winter from our humble abode. And, no doubt, my family will sleep better knowing that the old man knows how to push and pile snow.

Did I deserve the accolades that my wife and daughter were no doubt formulating while watching and

drinking hot chocolate? Humility prevents me from answering honestly.

In any event, I thought that her suggestion was a good one, especially since I finished all that work and had an hour or two of daylight left.

So I went to the low door at the back of the house. Beyond that lay my just reward for all of that backbreaking toil.

It took me 20 minutes to dig though a snowdrift to get to the door, however. I would have completed the excavation in five, but I forgot where I buried the shovel.

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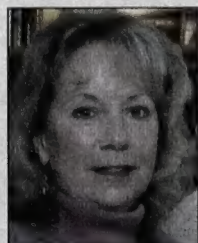
Counting cows

"DAD WHAT HAPPENS when people die?" The question caught Andrew with a forkful of meatloaf halfway to his mouth. He met Jeffrey's eyes and then with a smile glanced over to Maureen sitting across from him. She was good at this sort of thing, said his look. His wife put down her own fork and turned to their son.

"Well Jeff," she began. "People believe different things about that. But since no one has come back to tell us, it's sort of a guess." Both adults wondered if this would suffice for the enquiring young mind at the table. "Are you thinking about Uncle Joe and that's why you're asking about dying?" Maureen continued.

The boy nodded solemnly, then downed a dollop of mashed potatoes. "What do you believe happens?" came the inevitable question through a mouthful of taters.

Maureen looked at her husband. He seemed just as interested in her response as Jeffrey. "You know at night when you look up and see all those stars?" she asked. The boy nodded again. "I think that when people die they become stars in the sky," his mother explained. "That way they are not really gone and can keep watching over us forever."



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It was obvious Jeffrey was thinking about this new and interesting piece of information as he thoughtfully dug into his broccoli. However by the time dessert rolled around his attention had switched to Christmas as between bites of apple pie he wanted to know more about Santa's elves.

Later that evening after Jeffrey had gone to bed, Andrew thanked

Maureen for rescuing the situation at the dinner table. Since his brother Joe's death in the fall, Andrew had been struggling with those universal questions about the meaning of life and death. He hadn't trusted his own response to their son and the last thing he had wanted to do was get teary-eyed. Maureen understood this but reminded him that there was nothing wrong with getting teary-eyed while talking about the loss of your own brother. Andrew shrugged and returned to his reading.

He didn't give the conversation another thought for days. There was plenty to be done before Christmas. The snow plough needed attention. Their farm had a long drive in from the side road and they were bound to get a dumping any day now. And he still had to get into town and buy something special for Maureen. Time was running out.

It wasn't until the start of Jeffrey's Christmas holidays that Andrew again thought of his late brother. Usually Joe, a bachelor, had spent Christmas Eve with them, always arriving at the door laden with gifts including what he called Christmas apples for Jeffrey to feed the horses on Christmas Day. Andrew was dreading the loss he knew he would be feeling this year. Well maybe extra rum in his egg nog would be called for, he thought as he walked back from the barn.

Jeffrey was also outside, talking with one of his school friends who was having a sleepover now that they were both on their break. The two young faces were turned skyward, Jeff pointing upward with his mitten-clad hand. As Andrew drew near, he heard Jeff say, "And there's Daisy and Brownie and Flopsy."

Curious, Andrew asked what they were talking about. "Oh I'm just showing Jason where all our animals are in the sky. Now I know they're stars I'm not scared anymore that something bad happened to them."

When he went into the house, Maureen was elbow-deep in cookie flour. Andrew leaned over and gave her a kiss on the cheek to which she responded with a pleased but quizzical look.

"Jeff's outside, looking for Joe's star. It's good to know he'll be with us this Christmas after all," Andrew said.



pic of the past

In 1929 the Dean family poses outside for a family picture. That was all that was written on the back of this photo. We would be happy to hear any more information on the family, just call the Echo office at 457-1037.

As for last week's pic of the past, we had several calls identifying Richard Parisotto on the left. Parisotto was the clerk for the townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden.

letters to the editor

Ombudsman should review smart meter charges

To the Editor:

Re your article in the December 1st edition, you can add my frustration and disbelief to the list!!!

I went through the same process last year when my Smart Meter was installed. My hydro use, so the "meter" said was double that of any year since we have owned the cottage back to 2000.

I called Hydro One, had an "independent" inspector in and was told that all was OK!!! Believe me, we have a year round cottage on Drag Lake

and I think that Hydro One do a great job serving our hydro needs.

I'm happy to pay fair rates for this service. I fail to see why my hydro "usage" has doubled when the only change is that I now have a Smart Meter. I am very frustrated and a big disbeliever in what I have been told. I think we need to engage the Ontario Ombudsman to review this development.

Peter W. Blakely
Drag Lake and Aurora

Jail has free food and shelter

To the Editor:

Please tell those spiritual zealots that God did provide food and shelter at no personal cost to them. It's called JAIL. That's where they belong for breaking the law, which is in God's ten commandments. Thou shall not steal. Do they believe

Dollo's IGA in Minden didn't have to purchase their items and they got their staples for free?

Denise McClusky
West Guilford

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Participate

Review of Long-Term Management Direction Bancroft Minden Forest 2011- 2021 Forest Management Plan

We Need Your Input

Do you...

- Have an interest in the natural resource management in the Bancroft Minden Forest?
- Want to know more about the proposed long-term management direction in the Bancroft Minden Forest?
- Want to take an active role in the planning process and development of the Bancroft Minden Forest Management Plan?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc.** and the **local citizens committee** invite you to review the proposed long-term management direction for the 2011-2021 forest management plan (FMP) for the Bancroft Minden Forest. The proposed long-term management direction includes the proposed management strategy, which will provide for sustainability of the Bancroft Minden Forest by balancing social, economic and environmental considerations, consistent with legislation and policy.

You will have the opportunity to review and comment on:

- Levels of access, harvest, renewal and tending activities;
- Preferred harvest areas and areas which could be reasonably harvested during the ten-year term of the plan;
- The analysis done of alternative corridors for each new primary road for the next twenty years.

Your comments and input will help us develop balanced and well informed decisions as we continue with the planning process. Any additional background information that you can provide us with would be greatly appreciated.

How to Get Involved

A summary of the long-term management direction, which includes a map summarizing proposed harvest areas and primary road corridors, has been prepared and is available for review on request. As well, "value maps", which provide information such as fish and wildlife habitat features (e.g., lake trout lakes, heronries), parks and protected areas, tourism facilities as well as many other features on the Bancroft Minden Forest are available on request.

Comments on the proposed long-term management direction for the Bancroft Minden Forest must be received by Bruce Fleck of the planning team at the Ministry of Natural Resources District Office, by **January 14, 2010**.

The plan is being prepared by the following planning team members:

Craig Dodds, Project Manager
Peter Nitschke, Planning Team Co-chair
Sam Itani, Planning Team Co-chair
Lacey Rose, Plan Author
Bruce Fleck, MNR Area Forester
Kathy Irwin, MNR Planning Biologist
Ron Keane, Resource Liaison Officer
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Emmet Godin, Algonquin's of Greater Golden Lake
Irving Yateman, Algonquin Nation Kijicho Marito
Chief Richard Zohr, Bonnechere Algonquin
 First Nation
Lucien Lacombe, Local Citizen's Committee

The planning team members, the Ministry of Natural Resources District Manager and the LCC are available during the planning process to meet and discuss your interests and concerns.

A formal issue resolution process, as described in the *Forest Management Planning Manual (2004)*, can be initiated upon written request. A summary of all comments collected throughout the planning process will be made available to the public in a summary form during the planning process and for the duration of the approved ten-year plan.

Stay Involved

In addition to this opportunity to review, there are three other formal opportunities for you to be involved, tentatively scheduled as follows:

Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations
 Information Centre: Review of the Draft Forest Management Plan
 Inspection of Ministry of Natural Resources-Approved Forest Management Plan

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Susan Kuiack at 613-332-3940, ext. 256.

The general information regarding the FMP process as well as the information described in this notice, will be available at the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office and at the Ministry of Natural Resources office during normal office hours for a period of thirty (30) days, December 15, 2009 – January 14, 2010. As well, an appointment with the ministry's Bancroft District Manager or with a planning team member during non-business hours may be made by calling 613-332-3940, ext. 235.

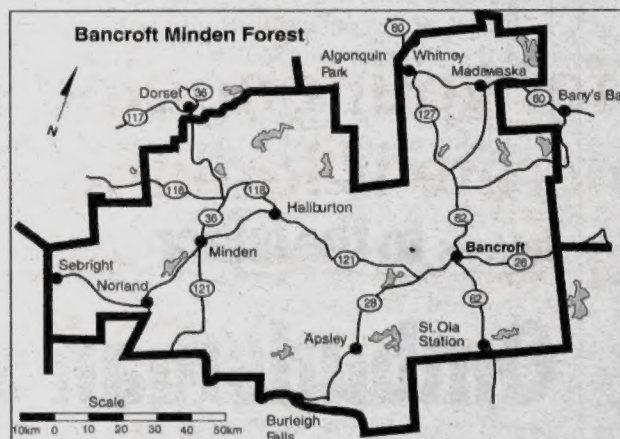
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READERS WRITE

Don't forget the animals

To the Editor:

The Christmas story tells of baby Jesus born in a stable amidst the animals. As another Christmas approaches, I really wonder how those animals have been so forgotten and neglected by our society.

Recently, a young dog I had adopted from an animal shelter died prematurely from an immune system disease that didn't respond to treatment. When I got her she was a timid, abused animal, but she soon responded and became a wonderful loving pet. I decided to check through some animal shelters in search of a similar dog. While waiting to look at the dog I had selected I was astounded by the incredible stupid reasons people have for turning in animals that should have spent a lifetime with their owners. I had the dog a couple of years but he doesn't like my new boyfriend? I got this sheep dog for my kids and now he is trying to herd them? The Great Dane is too big? My cat had all these kittens now what am I going to do?

Unless the shelter is no-kill animals that people don't show interest in reasonable soon, and aren't rescued by animal rescue groups who foster them for adoption, are euthanized. In some shelters the kill rate is as high as 70 per cent. As dogs go, apparently black dogs are the least adoptable. Looking at all the wretched animals languishing in their cages prompted to me to adopt two. Only proving you can't take me to a shelter and expect a rational decision. I chose two black dogs that had been there the longest.

I was taught that if you want a pet, make sure you can afford it, make sure you are prepared to look after it, and be prepared to make the commitment for the life of the animal. Obviously a lot people don't think that far ahead. It is sad to see so many dogs and cats tossed away like so much garbage by uncaring owners. Their only crime is being born.

This Christmas, in the spirit of the season, if you are willing to accept the responsibility of a pet, you might consider giving one of these animals a good home. Or if you can, make a donation of money or food to a shelter or animal rescue group near you. It is not just people who need your help this special time of year.

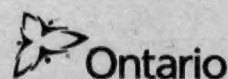
**Keith Stata,
Kinmount**

Thank you plow drivers

To the Editor:

I want to say thank you to all the people whose efforts have made our roads, driveways and homes safe. To all the roads workers and private snowplowers who have been out there tirelessly clearing the way for us. To all the staff at hospitals and nursing homes that stayed and worked when staff couldn't make it in. To all the good Samaritans whose efforts are truly appreciate if not felt when people under stress forget to say thank you. And lets not forget to say thank you to all those who tried and perhaps failed to get out there to help due to conditions beyond their control. On behalf of everyone who wants to say thank you ...THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

**Mandy Booth
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MCKECK'S

Pull up a chair in Haliburton's newest living room

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

For more than 20 years the village of Haliburton and the name McKeck's have been synonymous with one another. Mention one of the two and people will most likely think of the other. Thanks to a new vision for the popular hockey-themed eatery, that long-standing relationship isn't about to end anytime soon.

Originally owned and operated by

Walt McKechnie, a retired NHL player, the restaurant first opened its doors in 1986 and quickly became an institution in the village of Haliburton. Coined a "family-style" restaurant, it stayed true to both its hockey and Haliburton heritage over the years.

This summer, after more than two decades at the helm of McKeck's, McKechnie decided it was time to hang up his skates one more time.

"We bought the restaurant this summer after Walt decided to retire," explains Maarten Steinkamp, the new owner.



Derrell and Kim Stamp share a drink with Gerry Walker at the McKeck's reopening Monday night. /Photos by Jenn Watt

"We had never been in this building and after we saw it we thought it could use some love and care and just some basic upgrading because it was a bit worn out."

Steinkamp decided to plug through the summer months with the restaurant in its old state before undertaking a major renovation.

"I call it a restaurantation," says Steinkamp.

Upon deciding on a new direction for the restaurant, Steinkamp had a number

of things he wanted McKeck's to focus on.

"When you go out for dinner there are three things that you want," says Steinkamp. "First you want to have good food. Second, you want to have good service. And finally, you want a good atmosphere, you want to eat in a place that has a good ambience."

According to Steinkamp, making sure the updated restaurant met these objec-

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It's all about food, service and atmosphere

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tives was sometimes easier said than done.

"This is a very difficult building to work with because the kitchen is downstairs," he says. "This means that providing quick service and hot food can sometimes be difficult. So we had to make sure the new layout accommodated this obstacle."

Another obstacle, although a more humorous one, was the reputation of the restaurant's washrooms.

"We have always been infamous for our washrooms," says Steinkamp, "and not in a good way."

Yet after a tour of the new facility it is clear that the washrooms' reputation, as well as the rest of the restaurant, is all about to change.

Maintaining a hockey motif and cottage feel, the new and improved McKeck's features flat screen televisions, a stone fireplace and a hand-carved wooden bar courtesy of restaurant manager Karen Frybort's husband. Vintage black and white photos of the village and surrounding area adorn the walls while lights in the shape of lanterns add to a new motif.

"We were really aiming for a CN railway type of look," explains Steinkamp,

"because the railway has played into the history up here. We also wanted to include lots of wood to emphasize the logging history, as well as continue with the hockey theme."

And let's not forget about those washrooms, which now have many upgraded features, including televisions above the urinals in the male washroom.

"This entire project was a real undertaking from the beginning," says Steinkamp. "Since it first opened, McKeck's has never been closed for more than one day and we've just closed it for over a month in order to get this all done."

The general contractor for the project was Terry Bessette, while the interior design was handled by Laura Bartlett from Westshore Design in Kennisis Lake. Ninety per cent of the renovation jobs, including electrical, woodworking and heating/cooling were done by local trades people. During the renovation process, however, Steinkamp had his eyes set on more than just new flooring and bathroom fixtures.

"One thing that is very important to the restaurant is charity work," he says, "which we do within the community through the Blue Line. During the renovation, every staff member was kept on the payroll so long as they did the community service hours. In the end we

completed approximately 1,500 hours of volunteer work in November."

Another important factor during the renovation was creating a place that would feature live entertainment and music. Sean Carthew, a former actor and playwright, has been handed the responsibility of turning the restaurant into a full-blown entertainment experience.

"We want to feature a wide range of shows," says Carthew, creative director for the restaurant. "This could include kids' shows, stand-up comedy, live music. We want to appeal to every type of person in the area."

Some of the events already lined up for the restaurant include a disco themed New Year's Eve party, as well as a Patsy Cline tribute show scheduled for January.

Live entertainment is just one more thing that can be added to a growing list of reasons why the community has been eagerly awaiting the opening of McKeck's once again.

"People have been coming up to Karen, our general manager, for the past month and all they want to talk about is the renovation," says Steinkamp. "We want you to feel like you're pulling up a chair in the living room of Haliburton Highlands," explains Steinkamp.

Even though a lot has changed, there



New McKeck's owner, Maarten Steinkamp, was all smiles for the grand unveiling of the restaurant's extensive renovations Monday night.

are some things McKeck's will always stay true to.

"The name will stay, the formula will stay," says Steinkamp. "Our tagline is honest food, honest prices."

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DYSART ROADS

U-Links asked to help with ATV road use study

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

The recent decision to allow ATVs on roadways in Dysart et al may come under further and independent scrutiny.

Dysart et al Councillor Janis Parker is interested in launching an impact study into the operations of ATVs on roadways in the municipality. The study would be undertaken for free through Trent University's U-Links research group.

Dysart et al council passed a motion allowing ATVs on designated roads last month. At that time council said that allowing the non-rated vehicles on county roads might relay significant positive economic benefits to tourist operations in the municipality.

Dysart et al voted four to two to allow ATVs the same rights as cars, motorcycles and bicycles. A rider to the by-law specified that ATVs be excluded from Haliburton's Highland Street between Cedar and Dysart Avenues, and the streets between Mountain and York.

The Haliburton ATV Association has pledged thousands of dollars for a full-scale information campaign about proper use of ATVs on paved roads.

Parker was one of the two councillors – along with Steve Pogue – who voted nay on the ATV motion last month.

She admitted in her introduction – at last Monday's council meeting – to a bias against ATVs on municipal

roads, and explained that she approached Trent University and U-Links to commission an impact study because she thought it might provide council with some input, and information that future councils could use when assessing environmental, economic and liability aspects of the ATV bylaw.

"I was struggling with the ATVs on the roads," said Parker. "They're not made to go on roads." Parker said that she remains concerned about safety and liability issues if an ATV ever becomes involved in an accident on a Dysart et al roadway.

This prompted Reeve Murray Fearrey to question why Parker felt that an analysis was necessary.

"You've already said you're biased and we already passed a bylaw stating that they are allowed on the roads," said Fearrey. "Research says they are an economic boon."

Later in the discussion Fearrey did admit that there are people in the municipality who oppose the option of allowing the ATVs on local roadways, and he said that he appreciates the fact that it remains a contentious issue.

The nuisance and liability factors were addressed at the original council meeting last month, with council agreeing that if the ATVs posed too much of a hazard or a problem the bylaw could always be reviewed or rescinded.

Fearrey inquired about motives behind Parker's proposal, and asked what she intended to do with the U-Links findings once the study was completed.

Parker explained that U-Links provides research for

free to communities and added that Minden council has used the Trent University resource for a number of projects in the past. She added that an intern involved in the U-Links group has expressed an interest in taking on a study regarding ATV operation on local roads.

Fearrey did agree that there might be some benefits involved with a U-Links study.

Fearrey also said that there were two sides to this debate and a study might be advantageous if it was undertaken in a forthright manner, without bias.

Parker concurred and explained that an unfettered appraisal is exactly what the U-Links studies provide. She explained that it might be interesting to look at both sides of the debate through an independent lens.

She added that she was bringing it before council because in order for the study to proceed it would have to have the approval of Dysart et al.

Parker added that while she might have some personal reservations against ATVs on roadways, she was completely willing to accept any and all findings from a U-Links study.

"I don't know, maybe there's a huge economic spin-off from ATVs in this area," said Parker. She also allowed that if council agreed to move ahead with the study, the results could be shared by a broad spectrum of municipalities across Ontario and Canada that are wrestling with similar bylaws and proposals regarding ATVs and snowmobiles on municipally owned roads.

Council agreed to review the suggestion and come back to it at the next council meeting.

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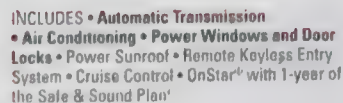
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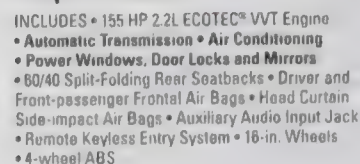
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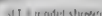


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COMMUNITY CARE

New program helps people feel home at last

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

When Barb Cummings was in the hospital this past summer she wasn't sure how she was going to get home after her month-long stay. After deciding she was going to call a taxi, someone at the hospital informed her that arrangements had already been made for her.

"My doctor had referred me to the Home at Last program," says Cummings. "Part of the program includes accompanying the person and giving them a drive home from the hospital."

The program Cummings is referring to is a new provincewide initiative that was introduced to the Haliburton region in May. Offered locally through Community Care, the program is focused on making that transition from the hospital to home go as smoothly as possible.

"It's basically a program that helps people get home from the hospital and have a little initial care for them at home with a personal support worker [PSW]," says Brigitte Gebauer, volunteer coordinator for Community Care in Haliburton. "It starts with a transportation service from the hospital to home which they can or cannot take, it's up to them."

Once the patient is home the benefits of Home at Last do not end there.

"We supply a few frozen meals on wheels for them," says Gebauer. "The PSW will help get them settled as well. For someone who may have been away from their home for a while this can be

very helpful as it may include a cleanout of their fridge, light housekeeping, grocery shopping or whatever they may need. It's basically a settling in program."

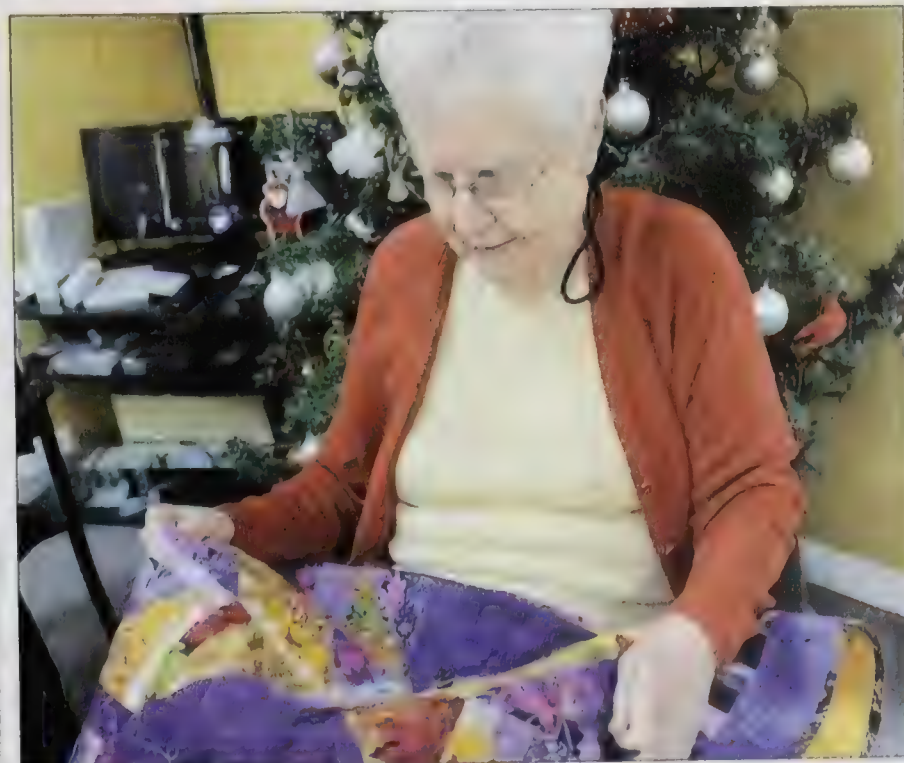
Those living in Haliburton, however, will receive a few additional benefits from the program.

"Community Care is offering a month of complimentary use of a emergency response button," says Gebauer, "and the Haliburton Quilters' Guild is providing lap quilts for those who use the program." Personal touches such as those, according to Gebauer, can make all the difference.

"Especially if the person lives alone, it's really nice for them to have this kind of support," she says. "We actually do it for those who have someone at home as well, as that person may feel overwhelmed."

Even after the one-time visit by the PSW, the support continues in other ways. "There's about a two-week period afterwards where myself as the coordinator is following up with them to see how they're doing," says Gebauer. "I will phone them and see how they're doing and ask if there are any other services in the community we can connect them with."

According to Gebauer the program can be self-referred or referred by family members. "It's reassuring for family members who live far away as well," says Gebauer. "It's great for them to know that although they may not be able to be there for their loved one some-



ANGELICA BLENICH/ECHO

Barb Cummings, 85, admires the quilt given to her through the Home at Last program, an initiative facilitated by Community Care to help smooth the transition from the hospital to home.

one else will be." When Cummings was referred by her doctor, she wasn't even aware that the program existed.

"Because I had been in the hospital for a month I didn't exactly feel like running a race," says Cummings. "But those who assisted me through the program took care of me and wanted to make sure there was nothing else that could be done

for me. The whole experience was very pleasant and something I wasn't expecting at all. It's very nice to know someone cares. It reflects all of the attitudes of the people in Haliburton."

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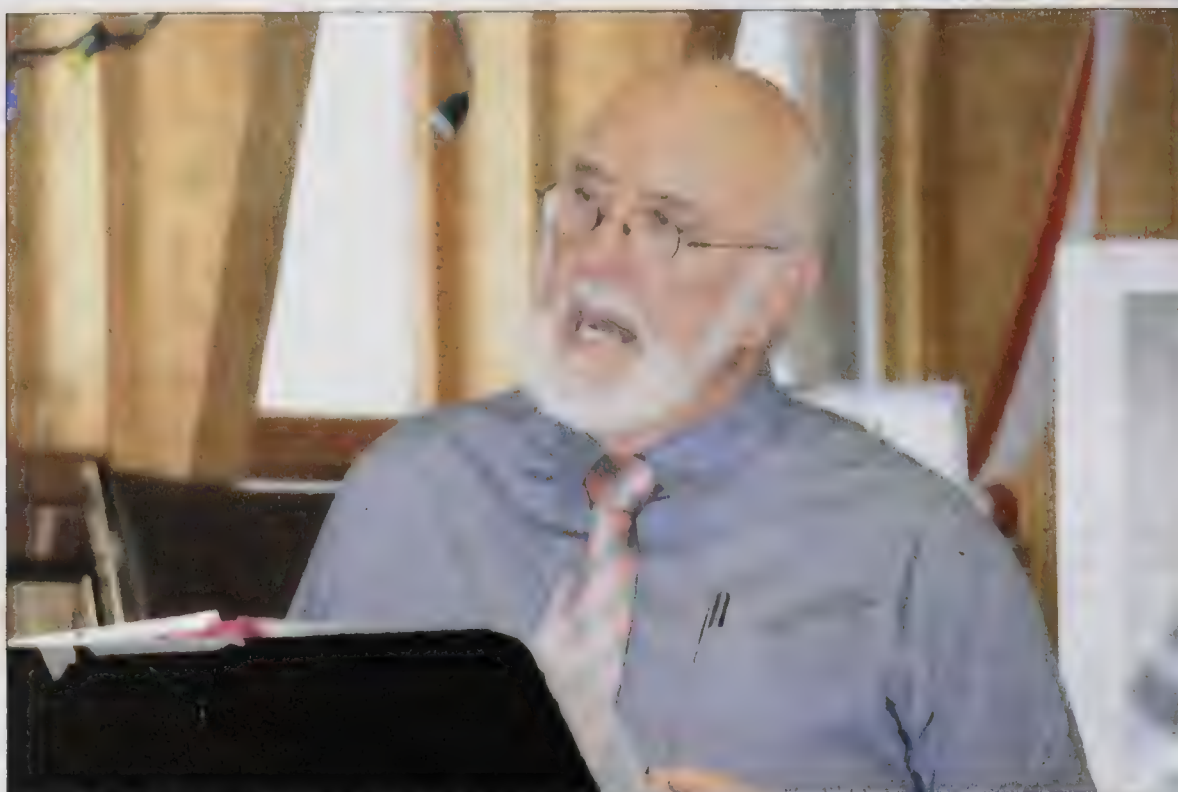
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Organizer Bob McKay described the sad state of violence in Canada today – every minute a woman or child is sexually assaulted in this country.

MONTREAL MASSACRE

Remembering 20 years later

JENN WATT

Editor

On Dec. 6, 1989, Nancy Brownsberger was sitting in her women's studies class in the engineering building at the University of Guelph, when police arrived at the classroom door.

"They said, 'you need to get off campus right now,'" Brownsberger recalls, exactly 20 years to the day, at a memorial ceremony at the Zion United Church in Carnarvon Sunday.

What she didn't know at the time was that a man in another engineering building at another Canadian university had just finished murdering 14 women students simply because they were women.

For the next two years there wasn't one night class Brownsberger attended that didn't scare her. What if it happened again?

Brownsberger is now a social marketer for SIRCH in Haliburton, but has spent many of her years working in social services – exposing herself to the very worst that can happen to those marginalized by society. She worked with young female sex workers, with drug addicts, women of colour and the poor: all demographics more likely to be victims of violence than the rest of society.

She saw how disrespected and abused women can be and she worked with those women to try to avoid dangerous situations. And then one of those situations came to her doorstep; Brownsberger's mentor, a

woman named Nora, who worked at a Toronto half-way house was bludgeoned to death with a hammer in her own home by one of her clients.

There is nothing unique about Brownsberger's story.

"Every minute of every day a Canadian woman or child is sexually assaulted," Bob McKay, organizer of Sunday's event, told the packed church audience.

There are more cases of violence against women than cases of heart attack or stroke, he said.

In 1989, the murder of those 14 women at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal, was a harbinger of change. The country was awakened to the very real epidemic of violence affecting nearly everyone in Canada.

Before Dec. 6, "violence was treated as a family matter, as a personal affair," McKay said.

That perspective changed, but it didn't change enough.

Those who are victims are kept in the shadows, away from view, out of mind. Perpetrators of violence are too often treated as anomalies, not part of a pattern of violence that can carry from generation to generation.

Audience members were invited to place roses in a basket in honour of the 14 killed in Montreal, for the women killed in Ontario this year and for the women killed by Robert Pickton in B.C.

Outloud Womyn's Voices sang a number of songs and the afternoon ended with refreshments served by group of volunteer men.

MINDEN

Canadian Tire waits for water tower

CHAD INGRAM

Staff reporter

Mindenites who were holding their breath that the town's scheduled Canadian Tire store would go up in the spring may want to exhale before they suffocate.

The issue of the big box store, which announced more than two years ago its plans to set up shop in Minden, was brought up at Minden Hills budget meeting on Dec. 1.

Finance committee chairman Peter Oyler asked chief administrative official Gerry Morrison for an update on the project and Morrison said it was his understanding the company now planned to wait until Minden Hills builds its water tower to proceed with construction of the store.

Morrison said he had recently been asked by a company representative for an update on the water tower project and said waiting for the water tower to be constructed would mean "substantial dollar savings" for the company, since it would not have to build its own water reservoir at the store site.

Work on the water tower project is set to begin in January, Morrison said, with the installation of a service road and sewer-line up the hill known as Mount Minden.

It will be the site of a 22.5-metre tall, 16.5-metre wide water tower with a capacity of 1,500 cubic metres, which Morrison said would be completed at the very earliest by November 2010.

Two thirds of the estimated \$2-million project is being paid for by the provincial and federal governments through the Building Canada Fund.

Morrison said a letter and update on the water tower project from the township has been sent to the company and said he was told by his contact there that she would forward the letter to her supervisor, who would forward it to the board of directors, the company's decision-making body.

Oyler pointed out that the company had decided to set up shop in Minden long before the township learned it would be receiving funds for the water tower.

The store is to be located on the former Brown Owl Restaurant property on the corner of Highway 35 and Water Street. The restaurant was recently knocked down and grading work has been done to flatten the property.

A representative for Canadian Tire confirmed to the *Times* on Tuesday that the company will wait for the water tower before proceeding with store construction.



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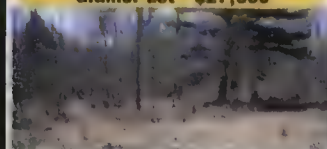
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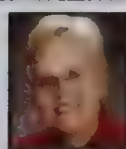
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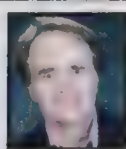
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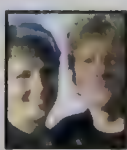
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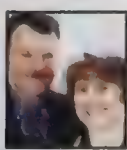
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Feral cats remain issue

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Dec. 8 meeting of Highlands East council.

The Highland East council meeting got off to a roaring start as council members followed-up with the topic of feral cats. A discussion ensued about the ongoing presence of these animals in the area while suggestions regarding how these animals should be looked after were brought forth. A proposal to have a structure built to house the cats has been suggested but details on the location and measurements of the structure were unclear. In order for the facility to qualify as a structure it could be no larger than 10 by 10 feet. However, the building currently being proposed is located off of Harcourt Rd and measures 16 by 16 feet, making it too large to qualify as a structure. Members of council debated the topic back and forth and argued that the topic of the cat colony has been ongoing for over a year now without any progress being made. Members of council agreed a 10 by 10 structure and not a building would be sufficient to house the colony and that it should be constructed at the landfill site.

firefighters for their fundraising efforts this past year, which totalled more than \$20,000. Wingrove put in a request to send seven staff members to a recruit course at the fire academy next year. Council approved the budget for this and the request was passed.

Glen Covert, environmental/property supervisor was told of an overflow of garbage and recycling at the dump. He agreed to put extra bins at the landfill sites.

Covert presented a plan to council to have an archaeological assessment done at the Highway 28 landfill site. This is in response to the Ontario Ministry of Culture's requirement, because the site is within 200 metres of a water source. The estimated cost to complete this assessment by Cambium Environmental is \$4,425. An assessment is no longer required for the Mumford Rd waste disposal site. Council carried the motion to have the assessment done at that cost.

Earl Covert, road superintendent, addressed the issue of speed limits on township roads arguing that many of the limits needed to be readdressed and amended. Council agreed and carried the notion.

Shoreline allowance debated

A request to council to proceed with a shoreline purchase on Monck Lake was made on behalf of Bruce Lakie. After having the property surveyed,

Lakie requested to continue with the purchase of the road allowance at 1087 Dolomite Dr. In the request made to council, Lakie argued that concerns neighbours had regarding property lines were unfounded. Chief building official Randy Dunsmore brought forth his own concerns to council on why the municipality shouldn't move forward with this allowance. According to Dunsmore, an order to comply was issued on Aug. 18, 2008 for the construction of a platform without a permit. The platform was constructed at the water's edge, within the required setback to the high water mark. The platform is located on property owned by the municipality. Dunsmore recommended that the structure be removed for compliance with respect to the order prior to the sale of the shore road allowance to Lakie. Because the platform that has been constructed is being used as a helicopter pad some members of council believed this matter fell under federal jurisdiction under Transport Canada. Dunsmore agreed this very well could be the case. A debate over whether to sell Lakie the property or not ensued while council argued over the fact a permit was needed for the illegal structure but that Lakie couldn't apply for one until he owned the land. Council agreed not to proceed with the purchase of land until the illegal structure has been removed.

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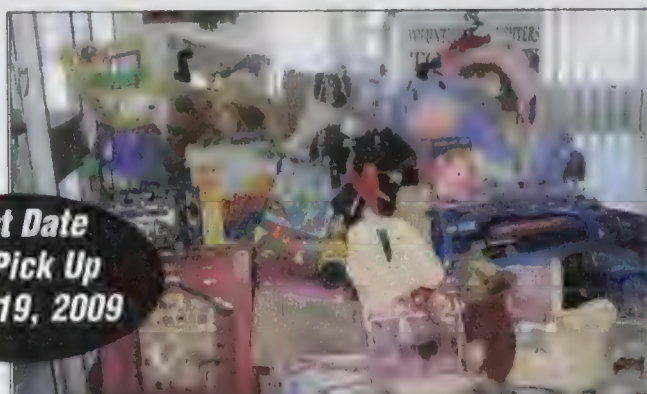
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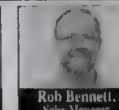
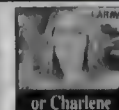
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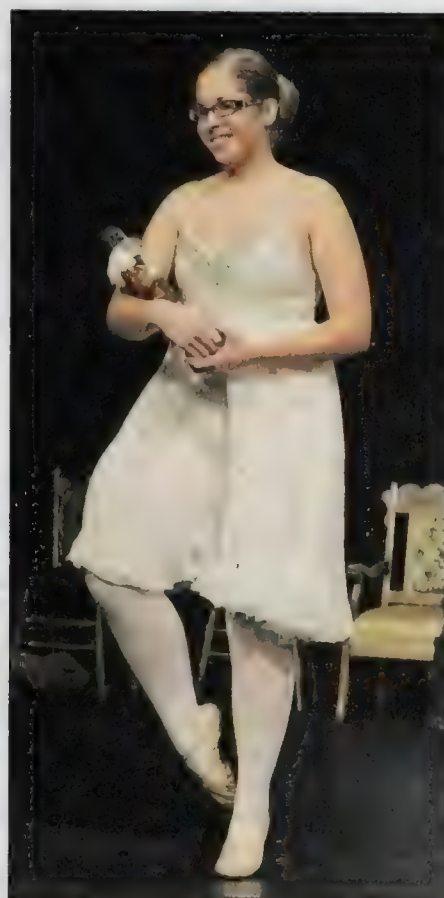


One of the Spanish Chocolate dancers delights the crowd.

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Most of the ensemble cast appear on stage during the Land of the Snow.



Left: Marie, played by Kristy Cook holds the nutcracker.

Below: Tamara Poropat plays the Peacock.



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"It teaches them to market themselves as an artist and to learn to talk about themselves and speak with confidence," Darby Bayly, co-coordinator of the program said.

Bayly is part of the Art Hive in Carnarvon and has been there for more than a year and half.

"It's helped me become part of the community and meet people," she said of the Hive.

The idea for the SEW Resourceful Program came from the joint brainstorm of Gena Robertson, executive director of SIRCH, and Karen Oster from the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. Oster had heard about similar programs running other countries.

The program was created to help low-income earners learn a new skill and make money out of their homes.

"The issue is lots of people in the county have low income or seasonal jobs," Gena Robertson said. "I think that the program's a great opportunity for people to be trained to make their own money and contribute to the community."

So what better way than join the thriving arts com-

munity in Haliburton?

SIRCH has been around since 1989 and has brought more than 20 programs and services to the county.

The project started Dec. 3 and will continue until the end of March at Fleming College in Haliburton. Workshops are once a week, on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and there is no cost to join. It is all funded by the HCDC and SIRCH, so all you need is your own transportation there and back.

"The program costs very little because a lot of the fabrics are donated," Bayly said.

"It combines a number of things together to make it a good program," Robertson said. "We recycle fabrics which makes it sort of like a green project, creates employment, teaches people to work on their own. I think it's going to work well."

There was quite the response to join the program. About 40 people called and asked, but only 12 people could join the pilot. The program is expected to grow in the future if it is able to continue.

SEW is always looking for fabric donations, so if you have pieces of fabric you have no use for, this would be the perfect place to send it and anything is accepted, even buttons.

Bayly will be at the courses teaching the smaller things for the program, but will be bringing in local artists and workshop leaders to teach the more exact

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Gena Robertson

subjects such as photography and marketing.

Profit from sales of the art will go to SIRCH, the retail place and to the artist. The money that will be going towards SIRCH will be kept in a fund to help the project continue.

"After the pilot is complete we'll pick a couple people to take on the lead-

ership roles so it can be more self sustaining," Bayly said. "The goal is for it to be successful and be self sustaining."

And if you're worried about your age or experience; don't be. There is a wide range of ages and experience in the pilot.

"It feels fantastic to be apart of this. I'm really honoured. I can see myself as an emerging artist. All the local artists are very very supportive," Bayly said.

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BASKETBALL

Hal High juniors roll past Brock Bulldogs

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Call it Tennessee quicksand.

An up-tempo trapping zone press that leaves backcourts in disarray, and otherwise astute point guards looking like they just stepped in a steep and steaming pile of quickset gumbo.

Feet stop moving, and normal court progress is discombobulated.

Hal High junior round-ball coach Paul Longo may not know it, but he tore a page from Bruce Pearl's U of Tennessee Volunteers' playbook last Tuesday afternoon at the Hawks' nest.

The junior Red Hawks who jumped into a 17-6 first quarter lead over the visiting Brock High Bulldogs fell prey to some second quarter doldrums and ended the first half trailing the Dogs 20-19.

That's when Longo called for some Tennessee mud.

The Hawks, fired up the 1-2-1-1 zone press in the third quarter, and charged back into the fray with a deluge of timely steals that allowed them to stage a stunning second half attack, and an eventual 41-29 victory over the snake-bit and sludge-stuttered Bulldogs.

Damon Flatman led all scorers in the game with 19 points. Zach Cox scored 10 and Andrew Murray chipped in with six to pace the Red Hawk attack.

"We had a little breakdown in the second quarter, the boards got us, they just beat us to the boards in that second quarter," said Longo after the game.

Of course Longo wasn't all that worried. He does happen to own the high-flying rights to some rather substantial junior round-ball property in Flatman.

He's a veritable scoring machine and an offensive threat that has shown an unbridled propensity for placing the ball in hoop thus far into the young

season.

Flatman knows how to score, but he's also adept at some pretty proficient ball-hawking when called upon.

In the third quarter, Flatman worked the middle of the press coming up with timely steals and some quick popping assists to Cox and Murray who also know how to run in that Nashville muck.

Longo said that in the end it was all about the trapping zone.

"Our press worked, they just couldn't handle it," said Longo. We got some turnovers and then we started running our offense like we can ... moving the ball better and getting some better looks and we also boarded better in the second half as well."

He added that his hustling Hawks seem very comfortable with the up-court pressure aspect of the game.

"We just started working on that press in the last week or so and today I'm just really happy with the way they handled it," said the happy coach post game.

The Hawks are now 2-3 overall and 1-2 in league play.

A planned tip-off against IE Weldon was postponed for snow days last week.

The Red Hawk juniors and seniors (Brock does not have a senior hoops team) take to the court at the Hawks nest versus LCVI on Tuesday, Dec 15. Game time is set for 3 p.m.



Hal High forward Jonah Stonehouse #33 reaches high for an offensive board during junior basketball action at the Hawks' Nest last week. The Hawks ran by the Bulldogs 41-29.

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Was Hodgson played too hard last season?

from page 1

the most logical choice to captain the junior Nats this year. The 2008 number 10 draft pick remains bench-bound by a pernicious and recurring back problem that stymied his progress at the Canucks camp in September, and has also scuttled any attempt at a return to action with the Brampton Battalion, a team that he and Haliburton resident Matt Duchene helped guide to the OHL finals last season. Hodgson was highly regarded when Vancouver grabbed him with their first pick in the spring of 2008.

Team officials say that they are still firmly committed to their multi-talented, two-way, all-purpose centerman. Hodgson has distinguished himself on the world stage with an unstinting regard for team-first play. He's a sightline presence on power plays, and was also one of the most effective and unrelenting penalty kill players on the Battalion the world junior team.

So what happened? The questions remain.

Are the Canucks at least partially responsible for Hodgson's woes? Was he overused last spring when Vancouver mucky-mucks told him to get on a plane

and join their AHL affiliate Manitoba Moose, who were at the time making a deep run into the American Hockey League playoffs?

Hodgson, who was the OHL's Player of the Year and Sportsmanlike Player of the Year and was also named the CHL Player of the Year, has never shunned hard work. The question remains: was Hodgson rode hard and put up wet? Remember, this was the kid lauded large in the Vancouver hierarchy for his leadership qualities.

A kid that is now languishing midst a controversy that will have a lasting effect on his brand, and his reputation. Read between the lines of many news stories and you will see unsettling and disparaging rumours emerging regarding his willingness to play.

All patently skewed and speculative.

Not fair to a kid who has worked hard since lacing up his first pair of skates here in the Haliburton Tyke league at Dysart Arena, to earn a spot on an NHL roster. "We support Cody's decision not to participate in the world junior camp and we think he's in good medical hands and that he's moving along," said Canucks general manager Mike Gillis, in a Sun article by beat reporter Elliott Pap, last Tuesday.

Gillis said he had no regrets about his decision last May to send Hodgson to the Manitoba Moose for a run to the AHL finals. He had six points in 11 games for the Moose and it's estimated that he played close to 120 games between September and June.

"No, we're not second-guessing that," Gillis responded. "Cody didn't play in every game with Manitoba and was brought in there slowly. So no second thoughts."

And possibly there's the rub. "No second thoughts." It all hangs on corporate responsibility.

Remember that last spring Hodgson was an 18-year-

old trying hard to please his masters with the hope that it would earn him some brownie points in training camp. He went to training camp with a bad back and was summarily dismissed.

The reason?

"He just wasn't ready," explained Canuck head coach Alain Vigneault last fall. "We really believe this young man has a tremendous amount of upside but, at the end of the day, he didn't show any signs that he was ready to play at this level. After analyzing it and talking about it, we felt the best thing for him was to go back to junior and his team."

Fair enough, but he should have at least mentioned that Hodgson was hurting, or taken that back problem into account. And OK, Hodgson's back woes came as a result of some strenuous summer training.

But do the math - 120 games.

Right now Hodgson ain't talking.

His agent Don Meehan is acting as the interlocutor for now. Hodgson remains under the care of Cleveland back specialist Dr. Tony Miniaci. Surgery, said Meehan, is now on the backburner as a topic of discussion.

"At one point, I thought we might be OK and there was a short period of time where he was OK," said Meehan, quoted in a CP article. "Then, by extending this out, he had some stiffness and the pain and discomfort came back. I think the doctors are going to have to reconsider what they do now and I think they are going to be a little more aggressive in their treatment."

One can only hope that Hodgson emerges from this unscathed, with his trademark and his status intact.

This must be a very frustrating time for the young center, knowing he'll have to watch the world juniors on a big screen, instead of partaking on the big stage.

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CHRISTMAS

HHSS students do their part

KATRINA CHVEDUKAS

Co-op student

As the days keep getting shorter and the nights keep getting colder the thoughts of Christmas are starting to creep into our minds. In just a few short weeks we'll be all gathered around family and friends giving gifts to one another and receiving as well. Though at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School it seems that this year the students are doing a lot more giving.

A group of local high school students got together with a staff member, and with their own money purchased items to fill 11 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to be sent to needy children around the world. This is the second year these HHSS students have supported this great cause.

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High school students, from left, Paige Roberts, Myia Newton, Sherri-Lynn Barry, got together to fill 11 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Absent from the picture are Alyssa Hobden and Lisa Barry. /Photo by Katrina Chvedukas

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This week's wildlife turned into wild weather with a winter snow thumping. See more snowy shots on page 3. Keep sending them in! jwatt@haliburtonecho.ca.



Randy Wunker of Miners Bay sent in this photo of a wild turkey at his place.

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The general meeting, which should have been on Thursday, Dec. 10 is postponed.

Our holiday hours are; Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 open until 6 p.m.; closed Christmas Day Dec. 25 and Boxing Day Dec. 26; New Year's Eve clubroom will close at 6 p.m.; New Year's Day Jan. 1, 2010 open noon until 6 p.m. It is almost the end of the year 2009. Come out to the Haliburton Legion on Dec. 31, and dance the old year away and celebrate the beginning of 2010 to the music of the Maclay Experience. Tickets are available at the bar and are only \$25. Get yours early because last year was a sellout.

On Dec. 8 the 1129 Haliburton Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp held a change of command parade. Haliburton Legion is their sponsor and several executive members were pleased to attend. Captain Collings was congratulated on his past 13 years and Captain McKenzie officially commenced his tenure.

We send our best wishes and prayers to all who are not in the best of health.

The executive and members of branch 129 wish everyone a very safe and healthy, Merry Christmas, and all the best of everything for 2010. Hope to see you on New Year's Eve.



Shot in the arm for library

Linda Heeps, secretary of the Dysart et al Library fundraising committee was pleased to accept a cheque for \$2,500 from the physicians at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre.

Left to right: Dr. Robert Heyes, Dr. Norm Bottom, Linda Heeps, Dr. Scott Coles, Dr. Aoife Conway, Dr. Mike Armstrong, Dr. Steve Ferracuti. Missing from the photo was Dr. Kristy Gammon, Dr. Tina Stephenson and Dr. Karl Hartwick.

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Further, a Special Budget meeting is scheduled to take place on December 16, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Meetings are convened in the County Council Chambers located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden.

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County of Haliburton



Township of Algonquin Highlands

The Township of Algonquin Highlands Recreation Department is hiring one person to set up and maintain an outdoor ice rink behind the Stanhope Community Hall. This contract position begins in December and runs to March 15, 2010.

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WEST GUILFORD

Johnson and Barry wed in Apsley

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Eleanor Cooper
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Congratulations to Marilyn Johnson and Ron Barry who were married on Nov. 28 at Apsley with family and friends from both sides in attendance. The newlyweds will be residing at Ron's home on the Kennisis Lake Road.

Last Sunday's concert by the Highland Winds Symphony was a total delight as they played to a full house at the Northern Lights Pavilion. People from this area who participated included Rob Snelgrove, Bas Bouthoorn, Charlene English, Ian Pay, Christopher Chumbley

and Judy Cole who also conducted the Swing Band.

The ladies of the West Guilford Baptist Church served a turkey with all the trimmings dinner to about 55 people at the church on Dec. 5. The delicious and plentiful meal and singing of Christmas songs after were appreciated by all who attended. Euchre scores: High - Ginnie Muenzel and Bill Marshall, Low - Tina Hadley and Cliff Davison, Most Lone Hands: Robert McIvor and Leon Jones.

Welcome to the neighbourhood to Scott and Jenn Welch who have moved into the home on Shamba Trail formerly owned by Louise Cooper.

Should you be planning on going away for the holiday, please call me upon your return. That will be news. If you have company from a distance that too is news. Please keep this in mind.

ATOM AE

Snow cancels school and practice

KARENA CROFTS

Manager, Highland Storm Atom AE

After such a busy weekend last weekend and then snow the latter part of the week, cancelling not only school, but hockey practice, the Storm boys were a little sluggish. They played Saturday in Gravenhurst, apparently a bit of a chippy game, but the Storm managed to pull out a 3-0 win, another shut out for goalie

Anthony Bertucca. Goals by Alex Wilbee, Devyn Prentice and Carter O'Neill. Assists by Greg Crofts, Trevor Turner, and Owen Smith. Then in Baysville Sunday against Bracebridge the boys seemed to have a little more hockey steam and won 4-1. Goals scored by Alex Wilbee, Devyn Prentice and Jake Bull. Assists by Greg Crofts, Owen Smith, Ryan Prentice, Jake Bull and Devyn Prentice. With parents and players preparing for the International Silver Stick in Niagara Jan. 7 through 10, this is a busy time with Christmas before and then the Peterborough Liftlock Tournament after it will be both tiring and exciting. Thank you for your support.



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Haliburton Highlands Health Services has a temporary opportunity for a Dietitian to work as a member of the Diabetes Education Network (DEN) team. In this role, the Dietitian is a specialist in nutrition as it relates to Diabetes, responsible for the nutrition care of clients and their families.

The successful candidate must be a Registered Dietitian with the Ontario College of Dietitians and have two years' clinical experience in the management of diabetes which includes a basic knowledge of all medical instruments/supplies used in the care of diabetes.

If interested, please send a resume by December 22, 2009 to:

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kbaird@hhhs.on.ca
Fax: 705-457-2398
www.hhhs.on.ca

WRESTLING

HHSS wrestlers place high

PAUL KLOSE

Special to the Echo

Red Hawk wrestlers had another successful tournament last week. Nine Haliburton athletes travelled to Picton on Dec. 10 to compete at a competition for the Bay of

Quinte region. By travelling to this area, Red Hawk wrestlers had a chance to scope out the competition from the other half of the district. This helps prepare for the COSSA championships held in February.

HHSS wrestlers proved to be competitive among Quinte schools. Six Red Hawks placed in the top four of their

weight classes.

4th Place - Connor Cowan (57.5 kg)

Bronze Medallist - Tara O'Sullivan (54 kg)

Silver Medallists - Greg Baumgartner (72 kg), Lily Coneybeare (61 kg)

Gold Medallists - Jordan Roberts (83 kg), Christianna Walker (57.5 kg)



Jordan Roberts attempts to turn his opponent during the semi-final match.
/Photo submitted

Northern Lights Pavilion gets 'In The Spirit' Dec. 16

HHSS Grade 11 Drama Class (Elke Zilla) in conjunction with HHSS Fine Arts Department is putting together a talent showcase called "In The Spirit" on Dec. 16 at the Northern Lights Pavilion at 7 p.m.

There will be a wide variety of student and staff performances showcased in the spirit of appreciation, celebration and community.

The proceeds from tickets sales and donations will reflect our enthusiastic support to the family of one of our students: Dillon Tilley. Dillon has been undergoing treatments for cancer and his courageous attitude and optimism has been an ongoing inspiration to the students and staff of HHSS. Seventy participants are taking the stage to contribute to this event. Examples of various selections that will be featured: student artwork in the lobby;

monologues/skits/improv/lipsyncs; dance; vocal and instrumental pieces; juggling; Class Acts: staff selections and contributions by Karen Gervais, Tim Regina, Sharon and Tom Diblee, Walter Tose, Martin Gage, Bill Hutson and Elke Zilla.

In The Spirit is also a component of a character education incentive called Class Acts. The Grade 11 drama class under the direction of drama teacher Elke Zilla is producing a series of short plays directed at raising awareness of student issues and concerns. A preview to this semester's Class Act: A Docudrama entitled Under the Influence will also be included in the showcase.

Please be advised that one of the segments contains some harsh language.

Ticket sales are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults and can be purchased at the

school during the lunch hour. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door.



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298,680 km

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WINTER PARKING NOTICE

Now that the snow is arriving, the Municipality of Dysart et al would like to remind drivers to ensure they have adequate parking off of municipal roads. Vehicles parked on municipal roads, in turnarounds and other areas the maintained by the Municipality make it difficult for the Municipal Roads Department to safely maintain roads. Additionally, parked vehicles create a hazard for other motorists travelling on the roads, and even once a vehicle is moved it leaves a portion of the road that has not been maintained creating a further hazard. Therefore, vehicles found parked on municipal roads interfering with the removal of snow, sanding or road maintenance will receive a \$200.00 fine and/or may be towed at the owners expense in accordance with By-law No. 93-19.

Brian Nicholson
Roads Superintendent

Matthew Aldom
By-law Officer

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Staff Sgt. Malcolm Quigley
Haliburton Highlands O.P.P.



*The Municipality of Dysart et al
Wishes you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.*

NOTICE: Christmas Hours & Closures

**Dysart et al Municipal Office
will be CLOSED from and including
Thursday, December 24th, 2009**

to

Friday, January 1st, 2010

The office will re-open on Monday, January 4th @ 8:30 a.m.

Christmas Break Public Skating Hours at the Dysart Arena:

December 20

December 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

December 27, January 3

Noon ~ 1:30 p.m.

11:00 am ~ 12:30 p.m.

Noon ~ 1:30 p.m.

**Admission is \$2.00 per Skater
For further information please contact
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**All LANDFILLS will be CLOSED on Christmas Day
and New Year's Day.**





Jill Stephen dresses up like a Christmas tree.



PARADE

Wilberforce children were excited to finally see Santa during the Santa Claus parade on the weekend.

Photos by Terrance Gavan

Below: Santa arrives on a snowmobile instead of sleigh.

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■ WILBERFORCE

Christmas snow comes with a vengeance

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
448-2018

How often does one get more than one hopes for? For those who had been longing for a little of the white stuff to lighten up the landscape and help get them in the Christmas spirit they certainly got that many times over last week. That's snow of course. And for three days and three nights it just kept drifting down making the scenery picturesque and the shovelling backbreaking. Three extra school holidays when the buses dared not hit the roads. Even some curling leagues were cancelled. As the snow slides off the steel roof there is a mixture of relief that it's down and not on one's head but is it blocking my exit? Perhaps a January thaw will be early this year.

Santa Claus seemed pleased with the snow. He was able to ride his snowmobile in his parade down the main street of Wilberforce on Sunday, Dec.

13. He was joined by some interesting floats and many hardy cheerful souls who walked and rode amid the falling snow. Who was that character who charmed the handsome black dog to ride with him on one of the floats? And those young hockey players proved they can walk as well as skate. Good parade music from the Shriners' float added to the scene. And wasn't that a charming "live" Christmas tree walking with the group of Loop Troupers!

The arrival of Father Christmas at the Lloyd Watson Centre was the moment kids of all ages had been awaiting.

The children had time with him to discuss their Christmas wishes and dreams. Then a photo with him and the happy receipt of a gift. The hall was alive with singing, crafts being created, refreshments being served and Doug's wonderful model railway setup to enjoy.

During the photo session it seems that some families did not get copies of pictures with Santa. They are now definitely available. Check at Agnew's General Store or call Tammy Donaldson at 448-3159. Tammy is the generous one who

has taken picture at this annual event for many years.

Speaking of generosity, smiles on the faces of all of Santa's helpers who organized and presented this event indicate that they greatly enjoy doing it. Many thanks on behalf of the children to all who were involved. You are much appreciated.

Music has become an integral part of celebrating the Christmas season. Concerts such as the Christmas Festival of Readings and Carols by St. George's Choir in Haliburton on Sunday afternoon Dec. 13 are very joyful events. This one, which had a choir accompanied by director Bill Gliddon on the organ and Bethany Houghton on cello, providing pieces that stirred the spirits of the listeners. What fun also to be invited to join the choir in some well-known selections. All the music was built around the story from Barbara Park's book "Junie B. First Grader: Jingle Bells Batman Smells" read by Joan Cameron, a regular on Canoe FM. A very touching Christmas story as Junie B. finally figures out about best gifts that bring peace and goodwill.

Following the concert a delicious meal

was served free to all who wished to partake. And many did! Thanks so much.

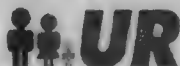
And there are still almost two weeks of opportunities for folks to get out and enjoy Christmas programs and services. The Wilberforce school children present their concert at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Tuesday December 15 at 1:30 p.m. The Christmas Open House at the the Outpost Museum is on Dec. 17 both afternoon and evening. Also on evening of the 17th is the Full Gospel Church Sunday School Concert at the church. Sunday, Dec. 20 is a busy day. At St Margaret's Anglican Church at 11:15 a.m. there is a service of Carols and Lessons. At the Harcourt Chapel it's Carols and Candles at 7 p.m. and the Essonville Historic Church also at 7 p.m. it's the annual Carol Service.

We have heard that the trustees of the Trillium Lakelands Board of Education voted last week that beginning in September 2010 the Wilberforce School will be for students in Grades 4 to 8. The kindergarten to Grade 3 children will attend the Cardiff School.

community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or

to the  *Haliburton Highlands* Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

• **December 16: Lochlin United Church is having their Annual Old Fashioned Community Christmas Carol Sing-a Long** with Rev. Harry Morgan and Friends. - Join us at 7:30 pm at Lochlin Road off the Gelert Road (County Rd. 1) Join us for singing, refreshments of hot cider and Christmas goodies. Donations for the food bank gratefully accepted. For more information call Lois Rigney 286-1765.

• **December 17: Play and Learn at Wilberforce Lloyd Watson Centre 9:30 am – 12:00 pm** - Parents and children under 6 years enjoy activities, crafts and musical circles. Gain tips and ideas around parenting challenges. Enjoy a healthy nutritional snack. For more information call Julie at 705-286-1770 or leave a message at 705-457-2989

• **December 17: Community Care Haliburton County Christmas Luncheon** at the Minden Legion – Join us from 12 noon until 2 pm. \$15 pp, advance tickets only. Call 457-2941

• **January 7 to 16: The Taoist Tai Chi Society (TM)** is holding Open Houses in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce to introduce the start of a new classes -

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Christmas Closure Minden and Haliburton OEYC – Both centrew will be closed on Thursday, December 17 and reopening for regular hours on Monday, January 4, 2010. The Ontario Early Years Staff wish all families a safe and Happy Holiday.

Good News Club – Junior kindergarten to Grade 3 children are invited to a fun filled club with Christian values taught. The program will be be walked over to J.D. Hodgson School. The program is free. Children can be picked up at JDH at 5pm. Call Stephanie 754-0079.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca, or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

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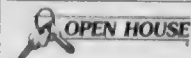
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DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 30th day of November, 2009.

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Announcements

New Arrival!



We've expanded our house by two feet!

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Christina Angela's!

We, Anthony & Maria Weerdenburg, are extremely happy to introduce the newest addition to our family. Born to us on March 15, 2009, Christina was 5 lbs, 1 oz.

She is the 2nd Grandchild for Norm and Karen Perrott of Haliburton; Tony and Chris Weerdenburg of Kinmount; and Cathy Franzen-Wensley of Orillia.

**Hailey Iris Smith**

Joined her parents Kolt & Jenny, her Grandparents; Gary & Jackie Smith and Norm & Karen Perrott, Great Grandparents; Jim & Linda Hamilton, Elaine Smith, Charles & Isobel Perrott, and Grant Clement.

On September 11th, 2009 in Peterborough at 12:11am, weighing 7lbs 9oz

Kolt, Jenny & Hailey would like to thank all our family and friends for all their loving support, help, and wonderful gifts! And yes...Hailey is already working on her wrist shot!!

Births

Kevin and Karena Crofts as well as uncles Kev, Connor & Greg are thrilled to announce the arrival of
Drayton Michael Kwiatek
Friday, December 4, 2009
at 5:22 pm, 8lbs, 13 oz & 22" long
First child of proud parents **Cheri & Michael Kwiatek** of Buffalo, NY

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Card of thanks

HUGE THANK YOU TO "COTTAGE DREAMS"

On Thursday, November 26th, I had the opportunity with my husband to attend an appreciation night put on by the organization COTTAGE DREAMS. This was to thank the many volunteers and donors who graciously donate their cottages, time and donations to Cottage Dreams, who then arrange to send cancer survivors for a Dream Holiday with their family.

I am neither a volunteer nor a donor of a cottage, I am a Cancer Survivor who received my Cottage Dream Holiday, a new outlook on life and reconnected with my family. My husband and I along with my brothers and sister and their significant others, spent 5 glorious days in Ahmic Harbor on the Magnetawan River. It was fantastic. I was asked to say a few words at this meeting about my experience with battling and defeating cancer and to let people know how great this organization is in helping people, not only to fulfill their dreams, but to get re-acquainted with one another. We are all so grateful. Therefore, I would like from the bottom of my heart to thank you for the wonderful job this organization is doing and to all donors, volunteers and everyone involved.

A big hug to Debbie, Donna, Beckey and Sheana. Keep up the Good Work!

Again from all of us...
Thank you...Thank you...Thank you....
Leona, Marcel and family



Announcements



Robert Dean McDonald (Resident of Gravenhurst, Ontario)



Peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket on Thursday evening, December 10, 2009 at the age of 69. Beloved husband of Louise McDonald (nee Hillock) for over 49 years. Loving father of Lori (Dwayne Lloyd) of Haliburton and Sheila McDonald of Charlottetown, PEI. Loving Poppa of Miranda (Jeff Tretheway), Amy (Jeremy Darby), Kyler Tomassetti and Graeme and Austin Lloyd. Great Poppa to Brenna, Madisyn and Cameron. Brother of Alan McDonald. Predeceased by his parents Margaret and Bert McDonald.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to visit with the family at TRINITY UNITED CHURCH 290 Muskoka Road North, Gravenhurst, Ontario on Tuesday afternoon, December 15, 2009 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service will be held at TRINITY UNITED CHURCH on Wednesday morning, December 16, 2009 at 11 o'clock. Rev. Kathleen Mowat officiating. Interment later Mickle Memorial Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or South Muskoka Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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Deaths

BRIDGEMAN, Eric Robert - Passed away peacefully at the University Hospital in London, Ontario following a brief illness on Wednesday, December 9, 2009. In his 92nd year. Beloved husband of Mary and predeceased by his first wife Doris. Loving father of Guy and his wife Dianne, predeceased by his daughter Charmaine, step-father of Ron, Pat, David, Steve and their families. Eric is the son of the late Alfred and Marie. Brother of Rita and Rosemarie and the late Marcel and Armand. Fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews, family and friends. Eric was born in England and raised in the Birch Cliff area of Scarborough. He served in WWII, following the war, he operated a hardware store in the Highland Creek area of Scarborough with his first wife Doris. They retired to Haliburton in 1980. Following Doris's passing, Eric married Mary Duncombe and later moved to London, where they lived in good health until Eric's passing. Friends are invited to visit the family at the St. Dunstan of Canterbury Church, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough, Ontario M1C 2J2 on Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Church Hall. Spring Interment at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Memorial Donations to the St. George's Anglican Church Haliburton or the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME Ltd.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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There is a token of affection
And a heartache still for you.*

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Deaths

FUHR, Irene - Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Friday, December 11, 2009. In her 80th year. Beloved wife of the late Phillip. Dear mother of Jane, Julian and his wife Lynn, and Greg. Loving Gram of Aaron, Kyle, Rebecca, and Nicolette. Irene will be fondly remembered as "Gram" to many. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Saturday, December 19, 2009 from 11:00 am until the time of the Legion and Memorial Service in the Chapel at 12:00 o'clock noon. Cremation has taken place. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 636, Minden. Memorial Donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 636 or the Canadian Cancer Society or the Kidney Foundation would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

In memoriam

Dawson, Cliff - In memory of a dear father who passed away 12 years ago on December 12, 1997.

*Although 12 lonely years have passed away,
Since that great sorrow fell,
But in our hearts we mourn the loss
Of one we loved so well.*

Sadly missed by daughter Kathy & son-in-law Keith.

STEWART, BERNEICE - In loving memory of a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who passed away December 12th, 2002.

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2 storey waterfront home situated on a level lot with 160 ft of sand shoreline. 4 bdrms, 2 baths, pine kitchen, dbl sided stone fireplace, large living area, cathedral ceilings. Dbl garage with loft.

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PERCY LAKE

4 bdrm newer constructed waterfront cottage or home. Southern exposure and big lake view. Rock and sand shoreline. Open concept living area, hardwood floors, full walkout basement. Hickory kitchen cabinetry, extensive decking, drilled well, septic and FAP heat.

\$460,000



DRAG LAKE - BONHAMS BAY

Spacious 7 bdrm cottage situated on a private, 3.76 acre lot with 374 ft of shoreline. Large living area, pine cathedral ceilings, stone fireplace and w/o's to 2 large decks. Full finished basement with large rec room.

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KUSHOG LAKE

Immaculate 2 bedroom cottage situated on a double lot. These 2 separately deeded lots have nicely landscaped, nice clean shoreline. Open concept living area, tastefully decorated. Large master bedroom loft. Boasts loads of character.

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HALIBURTON LAKE

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ROSS LAKE

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HALIBURTON HOME

3 bdrm ranch style bungalow situated on a 10 acre parcel providing ultimate privacy. 10 mins to town, open concept, sunken LR, pine cathedral ceilings, mstr bdrm with ensuite, full w/o bsmt. Beautiful gardens.

\$259,900



KOSHLONG LAKE

Traditional style cottage on Algonquin style lot. West exp & beautiful smooth rock shoreline, on a yr md rd. Wavy cedar wood siding, steel roof, 2 BR, 3 pc bath, screened porch, open concept living area. Large deck overlooks lake. This 3 season cottage is the perfect get-a-way.

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